



LEIGH RURAL DISTRICT

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REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER

OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1923.



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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS  
OF THE  
LEIGH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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LADY AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit to you my Annual Report for the year 1923 :—

Population at the Census in 1921 .....	10,714
Estimated Population in 1924 .....	11,330
Area, 11,574 statute acres (land and inland water).	
Rateable Value .....	£80,268
Sum represented by a penny rate .....	£250

The district consists of four townships, viz.: Astley, Culcheth, Kenyon, and Lowton, which are divided into two areas, the township of Astley being separated from the rest of the district by a portion of the Borough of Leigh.

Lowton, Kenyon and Culcheth form one continuous area on the southern boundary of the Leigh Borough. The district is flat, and most of the land is agricultural. The subsoil is chiefly clay, with some sand and gravel in places.

The greater portion of the population is composed of the industrial class, and these inhabitants are mainly employed in Agriculture, Cotton Mills, Coal Mines, and Confectionery Works.

## NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS ACT.

Notifications of Births were received in 198 cases.

### BIRTHS.

During 1923 the births registered in the district numbered 217—Males, 103; Females, 111—giving an annual birth rate of 19·1 per 1,000 of the estimated population. Included in the above are 3 illegitimate births, 1 Male and 2 Females.

### DEATHS.

The total deaths registered in the district during the same period numbered 128—64 were males and 64 females. The nett death rate is 11·2 per 1,000. Deaths were attributed to the following causes :—

				Males.		Females.
Influenza ...	...	...	...	3	...	1
Bronchitis	...	...	...	2	...	7
Pneumonia	...	...	...	7	...	7
Heart Disease	...	...	...	6	...	8
Cancer ...	...	...	...	4	...	4
Congenital Debility and Premature Birth	...	...	...	6	...	7
Violence ...	...	...	...	6	...	4
Tuberculosis (of Respiratory System)	...	...	...	5	...	2
Tuberculosis (Other Tuberculosis Diseases)	...	...	...	0	...	4
Enteritis ...	...	...	...	2	...	1
Appendicitis	...	...	...	1	...	0

Inquests were held in 6 cases :—Astley, 4; Lowton, 2.

## ZYMOTIC DISEASES.

The deaths registered from the seven principal zymotic diseases numbered 4, giving an annual zymotic rate of 0·35 per 1,000. They were as follows:—Smallpox, 0; Measles, 0; Scarlet Fever, 0; Whooping Cough, 0; Diphtheria and Membraneous Croup, 1; Enteric Fever, 1; Diarrhœa, 2. Total, 4.

## INFANT MORTALITY.

The deaths of infants under one year of age numbered 17, and this gives an infant mortality of 78.

The infant mortality is the proportion of deaths under one year to 1,000 registered births, and not to the population.

## COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS.

Per 1,000 of Population.

			Birth Rate.	Death Rate.	Epidemic Death Rate.	Phthisis Death Rate.	Rate of Deaths under 1 year of 1,000 Births.
1923	...	...	19·1	11·2	0·35	0·61	78
1922	...	...	20·1	11·1	1·17	0·18	76
1921	...	...	23·4	13·7	0·64	0·27	127
1920	...	...	17·0	12·2	0·86	0·67	78
1919	...	...	19·0	15·3	0·40	0·70	101
1918	...	...	20·8	17·4	1·78	0·52	99
1917	...	...	19·4	13·4	0·92	0·51	132
1916	...	...	21·0	11·5	0·59	0·29	78
1915	...	...	26·7	15·3	3·18	0·86	119
Mean of 10 years { (1913-1922) ... }			23·2	13·9	1·09	0·61	107
Increase or Decrease in 1923 on :							
Previous year ...			1·0	+0·1	−0·82	+0·43	+ 2
Ten years' average			−4·1	−2·7	−0·52	nil	−29

In the whole of England and Wales for 1923 the Birth Rate was 19·7; Death Rate, 11·6; Infant Mortality, 69.

TABLE I.—VITAL STATISTICS OF WHOLE DISTRICT DURING 1923 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.  
LEIGH RURAL DISTRICT.

Year.	Population estimated to Middle of each Year.	BIRTHS.			TOTAL DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE DISTRICT.		TRANSFERABLE DEATHS.		NETT DEATHS BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.			
		Uncorrected Number.	Nett.		Number.	Rate.	of Non- residents registered in the District.	of Resi- dents not registered in the District.	Under 1 Year of Age.		At all Ages.	
			Number.	Rate.					Number.	Rate per 1,000 Nett Births.	Number.	Rate.
1915	10375	275	276	26·60	146	14·07	5	18	33	119	159	15·32
1916	{ 10115 D'ths 11005 B'ths	240	242	21·9	101	99·8	3	19	19	78	117	11·56
1917	{ 9757 D'ths 10876 B'ths	—	211	19·4	117	11·5	10	24	28	132	131	13·4
1918	{ 9498 D'ths 10642 B'ths	—	222	20·8	151	15·9	—	—	23	99	166	17·4
1919	{ 9973 D'ths 10389 B'ths	—	198	19·05	141	14·1	5	17	20	101	153	15·3
1920	10370	—	281	27·0	132	12·7	5	22	22	78	127	12·2
1921	10880	—	258	23·7	130	11·9	—	—	33	127	150	13·7
1922	11080	—	223	20·1	109	9·83	6	21	17	76	124	11 1
1923	11330	—	217	19·1	108	9·53	3	23	17	78	128	11·2

Area of District in acres (land and inland water) ... 11574



## WATER SUPPLY.

The more populated portions of the district are provided with a constant supply of water from waterworks. There are, however, a number of farms where surface wells are the only available supply.

Astley is supplied by Liverpool water from the Borough of Leigh, and by Manchester Corporation.

Culcheth and Kenyon are supplied by the County Borough of Warrington.

Lowton supply is obtained from the Liverpool Corporation from Abram, and also from Newton-in-Makerfield U.D.C.

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## WELLS.

Two samples of well water have been submitted for analysis, both of which proved to be polluted. Tap water has been laid on in each case.

Tap water has also been laid on in three other houses, which had an insufficient water supply.

It is advisable, in my opinion, to continue the extension of the water mains wherever possible and so prevent the use of surface wells, which are liable to become polluted at any time.

## RIVERS AND STREAMS.

Occasional pollution of the river Glaze in Glazebury has taken place, owing to the inadequacy of the existing sewage treatment, but a scheme is in preparation, which, it is hoped, will prevent this pollution.

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## DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

ASTLEY.—The greater portion of the sewage is discharged into the sewage system of Tyldesley. A small portion is dealt with at a small sewage works of the Council, but a scheme has now been prepared for pumping this sewage into the Tyldesley sewers. When this is completed, the township will be well sewered.

CULCHETH,—A few houses in this township are connected to a small sewage bed in Glazebury. The sewage of the remainder is conveyed into sewage ditches and cesspools, and these are cleaned out regularly.

KENYON consists chiefly of scattered farms. The sewage is discharged into cesspools and sewage ditches.

LOWTON.—A large portion of this township is properly piped, and the sewage is conveyed to three small sewage works, but in the other portion of the township the sewage is discharged into open ditches. It has been recognized that the method in use is



unsatisfactory, and a scheme has been prepared to lay a new sewer from Lowton to a new sewage works situated in Culcheth. When this is completed, the drainage and sewerage should be much improved.

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### CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Number of Pail Closets	...	...	...	75
„ Fresh Water Closets	...	...	...	558
„ Privy Middens	...	...	...	920
„ Closets attached to Middens	...	...	...	1685
„ Waste Water Closets	...	...	...	1
„ Dry Ashpits	...	...	...	63
„ Portable receptacles for refuse	...	...	...	312

Two Privy closets have been converted to fresh water closets during the year.

The number of fresh water closets have increased by 12.

No new privy closets have been built during the year

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### SCAVENGING.

The Council now directly employs labour for this purpose. The refuse is collected at regular intervals in the Council's own motor lorries, and deposited in tips or spread on agricultural land. This should prove a satisfactory method of dealing with the matter in a scattered rural district.

# LEIGH RURAL

## REPORT OF THE WORK PERFORMED BY THE INSPECTOR OF

Description of Work Performed.							No.
No. of Houses inspected under the Public Health and Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	986
„ Inspections made under the Public Health and Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	1060
„ Statutory Notices served	do.	do.	do.	do.	...	...	31
„ Informal Notices	do	do.	do.	do.	do.	...	124
„ Factories, Workshops, Bakehouses and Slaughter-houses under Inspection	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
„ Inspections of Factories, Workshops, Bakehouses and Slaughter-houses, and other places where food is prepared	...	...	...	...	...	...	127
„ Statutory Notices served under Factories, Workshops, Bakehouses and Slaughter-houses, and places where food is prepared...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
„ Informal Notices	do.	do.	do.	do.	...	...	22
„ Lodging-houses under Inspection	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
„ Inspections of Lodging-houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
„ Statutory Notices served on Lodging-house Keepers	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
„ Informal Notices	do.	do.	do.	do.	...	...	7
„ Dairies and Cowsheds under Inspection	...	...	...	...	...	...	122
„ Cow-keepers on the Register	...	...	...	...	...	...	72
„ Inspections made under the Dairies and Cowsheds' Acts...	...	...	...	...	...	...	212
„ Statutory Notices served on Occupiers of Dairies and Cowsheds	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
„ Informal	do.	do.	do.	do.	...	...	24
„ Canal Boats Inspected...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
„ Statutory Notices served under Canal Boats' Acts...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
„ Informal Notices	do.	do.	do.	do.	...	...	0
„ Travelling Vans Inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
„ Statutory Notices served on Occupiers of Travelling Vans	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
„ Informal Notices	do.	do.	do.	do.	...	...	1
„ Infectious Diseases Reported...	...	...	...	...	...	...	121
„ Infectious Diseases Removed to Sanatoriums	...	...	...	...	...	...	54
„ Houses Disinfected	...	...	...	...	...	...	136
„ New Houses Certified (by private enterprise)	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Total Number of Inspections made during the year 1923	...	...	...	...	...	...	1452
„ Statutory Notices served	do.	do.	do.	do.	...	...	55
„ Informal Notices	...	...	...	...	...	...	178

Risley, Culcheth,  
June, 1924.

## DISTRICT COUNCIL.

NUISANCES DURING THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1923.

Description of Nuisances Dealt With.				No.	Abated Remaining			
Drains Made, Cleansed, etc.	...	...	...	41	...	41	...	0
Sink-Pipes Connected or Defective	...	...	...	8	...	8	...	0
Old Privies and Ashpits Removed	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	0
New Privies and Ashpits Built	...	...	...	0	...	0	...	0
Privies or Ashpits Out of Repair, etc.	...	...	...	23	...	21	...	2
Houses Damp, Out of Repair, etc.	...	...	...	27	...	23	...	4
Houses or Premises in a Dirty State	...	...	...	14	...	13	...	1
Houses Overcrowded...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	0
Yard Pavements Defective or Out of Repair	...	...	...	18	...	15	...	3
Wells Defective or Out of Repair	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	0
Animals or Poultry kept so as to be a nuisance	...	...	...	3	...	3	...	0
Buildings Dangerous	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	0
Other Nuisances and Accumulations	...	...	...	29	...	27	...	2
Nuisances remaining from 1922	...	...	...	18	...	18	...	0
Total Number of Nuisances dealt with during 1923				189		177		12

## HOUSING—SECTION 17.

Number of Houses found unfit for human habitation...	...	2
,, Representations with view to closing	...	0
,, Closing orders made	...	0
,, Demolition orders made	...	0
,, Houses demolished without an order	...	0
,, ,, Closed without an order	...	0

JAMES MONKS,  
Inspector of Nuisances,

## PREMISES & OCCUPATIONS CONTROLLED BY BYE-LAWS OR REGULATIONS.

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### BAKEHOUSES—6.

Seventeen inspections have been made. Two defects found ; one drainage, one limewashing. They are structurally satisfactory.

### CANAL BOATS—21.

Twenty-one inspections have been made, and no defects were found.

### LODGING HOUSES—14.

There are 14 houses let in lodgings on the register. 28 inspections were made, and 7 defects found :—2 defective drainage, 3 limewashing, 2 closet accommodation. These were remedied,

### SLAUGHTER HOUSES—3.

There are three slaughter houses in the district. They are licensed and structurally satisfactory. Two defects have been dealt with, viz., drainage and defective floors.

### OFFENSIVE TRADES—1.

One Glue Works. This has been kept under observation. No complaints have been made during the year.

### FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS—24.

Forty-eight inspections have been made and three defects remedied, one to sanitary accommodation, and two to cleanliness.

## SCHOOLS—12.

These have been visited, and attention called to one defect, viz., drainage. The privies connected with the Schools are, on the whole, fairly satisfactory for a Rural District, but where it is possible to connect to an efficient sewer it is advisable to substitute water closets in place of the existing privy midden. The refuse is removed regularly by the Council's own workmen.

## SCHOOL CLOSURES.

The following School Closures were made during the year :  
Gin Pits School, Astley, and Astley Mixed School were closed in January on account of Scarlet Fever and Diptheria ; Astley Mixed School was closed in February on account of Influenza ; Astley Infants' School was closed in March on account of Influenza ; and Lowton C. of E. School was closed in June on account of Mumps.

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FOOD SUPPLY.

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The arrangements for the supply and distribution of milk is good.

The following samples of food have been taken for analysis in the district during the year :—

Milk 29, Cheese 1, Pepper 1, Margarine 1, Lemon Cheese 1.

There were no prosecutions.

There are 122 Cowsheds in the district and 72 registered keepers, 212 inspections have been made. The following defects have been remedied : Ventilation, 1 ; air space, 3 ; light, 3 ;



drainage, 5 ; limewashing, 12. The cowsheds are gradually being put into order, but in several cases more air space, more light, better ventilation and drainage are required. These are being dealt with.

There are three registered retailers of milk who are not producers.

**OTHER FOODS.**—Twenty-eight inspections have been made of Slaughter-houses and other premises where food is manufactured, prepared, stored or exposed for sale. No diseased or unsound food has been condemned during the year.

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## INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The Infectious Diseases notified during the year numbered 121, compared with 133 in 1922 and 146 in 1921.

26 occurring in persons under 5 years of age.

95       ,,               ,,       over 5 years of age.

### TYPHOID FEVER.

Two cases were notified during the year, one in Astley and one in Lowton.

### SMALLPOX.

The district was free from this disease.

### SCARLET FEVER.

Forty-six cases were notified, eight occurring in persons under five years of age, and thirty-eight in persons over five years of age—twenty-five in Astley, two in Culcheth, none in Kenyon, nineteen in Lowton.



## DIPHTHERIA AND MEMBRANEOUS CROUP.

Twelve cases were notified in Astley. Three occurred in persons under five years of age ; nine occurred in persons over five years of age.

## ERYSIPELAS.

Seven cases were notified from Culcheth, all in persons over five years of age.

## OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

No cases were notified during the year.

## PUERPERAL FEVER.

Two cases were notified, one from Astley and one from Lowton.

## MALARIA.

One case was notified during the year from Lowton.

## TRENCH FEVER.

No cases were notified during the year.

## PNEUMONIA.

Twenty-five cases were notified. Twelve occurred in persons under five years of age, and thirteen occurred in persons over five years of age. One was in Lowton, twenty in Astley, and four in Culcheth.

## DISTRIBUTION OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

ASTLEY. Total, 75.

Scarlet Fever, 25 ; Diphtheria, 12 ; Pneumonia, 20 ; Puerperal Fever, 1 ; Pulmonary Tuberculosis, 7 ; Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis, 6. Removed to Hospital : Diphtheria, 9 ; Scarlet Fever, 18.

CULCHETH. Total, 14.

Scarlet Fever, 2 ; Erysipelas, 3 ; Pneumonia, 4 ; Pulmonary Tuberculosis, 3 ; Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis, 2. Removed to Hospital : Scarlet Fever, 1.

KENYON.

One case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

LOWTON. Total, 31.

Enteric Fever, 1 ; Scarlet Fever, 19 ; Erysipelas 2 ; Puerperal Fever, 1 ; Pneumonia, 1 ; Pulmonary Tuberculosis, 3 ; Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis 4. Removed to Hospital : Scarlet Fever, 15.

## TUBERCULOSIS.

(Including Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary).

Twenty-six cases were notified. Males, 13 ; Females, 13.

Distribution :—

	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.
Astley .....	7	...	6
Culcheth .....	3	...	2
Kenyon .....	2	...	0
Lowton .....	2	...	4
	—		—
	14		12
Males .....	9	...	4
Females .....	5	...	8

(a) PULMONARY.

All cases were visited, and instructions given as to the necessary precautions to be taken to prevent the spread of the disease. Nine cases were removed to Tuberculosis Sanatoria at Peel Hall, Elswick, Chadderton, High Carley and Aitkin.

The houses were disinfected afterwards.

Seven deaths occurred from Phthisis. The death-rate from Phthisis is 0·61 ; 5 Males, 2 Females.

(b) NON-PULMONARY.

Excluding Phthisis, Tuberculous Diseases caused 4 deaths ; 4 Females.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS.

Seven specimen were sent to the Public Health Laboratory at Manchester. Outfits are available for the medical men practising in the area.

TABLE II.—CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1923.—LEIGH RURAL DISTRICT.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED.													TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED IN EACH LOCALITY. (e.g. Parish or Ward of the District.)				TOTAL CASES REMOVED TO HOSPITAL.
	At all Ages.	At Ages—Years.												1 Lowton.	2 Kenyon.	3 Astley.	4 Culcheth.	
		Under 1.																
			1 to 2	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65 & upwards					
Small-pox...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Cholera (C) Plague (P) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Diphtheria (including Membranous croup) ...	12	...	1	1	4	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	9	
Erysipelas ...	7	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	3	...	...	...	2	3	...	
Scarlet fever ...	46	1	1	2	19	9	5	3	1	1	...	...	19	...	25	2	34	
Typhus fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Enteric fever ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	
Relapsing fever (R) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Continued fever (C) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Puerperal fever ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Poliomyelitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Pulmonary Tuberculosis..	14	...	...	...	1	...	3	4	3	3	...	...	2	2	7	3	9	
Other forms of do.	12	2	...	...	4	1	1	2	1	1	...	...	4	...	6	2	1	
Dysentery ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Trench Fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Malaria ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	
Pneumonia ...	25	4	1	2	3	7	...	1	1	1	3	...	1	...	20	4	...	
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Totals ...	121	5	5	4	6	35	12	12	14	8	8	6	30	2	75	14	54	

Isolation Hospital or Hospitals, Sanatoria, &c. :—Joint Hospital, Leigh Borough, Leigh Rural, Atherton, Tyldesley, and Golborne.  
Cases of Tuberculosis sent to Meathop, High Carley, Luneside, Ainsworth and Bowdon Sanatoria.

## SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

The staff consists of Medical Officer (part-time) and Inspector of Nuisancees (whole-time), who is also Inspector of Canal Boats, Dairies and Cowsheds, Factories and Workshops, and also Designated Officer under the Housing Acts.

Sufficient Hospital accommodation is provided for ordinary Infectious Disease and Small-Pox by the Leigh Joint Hospital Board, the Leigh Rural District Council being one of the Constituent Authorities. A Washington-Lyon steam disinfecter is available for the disinfection of Bedding and Clothing.

## HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION.

Cases of Tuberculosis are accommodated in sanatoria under the Lancashire County Council's supervision. Surgical, Maternity and other cases requiring treatment in hospital are sent to the various hospitals in surrounding towns, chiefly Leigh, Salford and Manchester.

## AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The Ambulance now maintained by the Leigh Rural District Council is available for Non-infectious and Accident Cases.

## NURSING.

MIDWIVES.—There are six registered practising midwives in your district. This number appears to be sufficient.

NURSES.—There is now a District Nurse for Astley, maintained by voluntary subscriptions through a Nursing Association.



The following adoptive Acts, Bye-Laws and Regulations are in force in the district :—

The Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907 (Parts).

Regulations under the Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Order.

Bye-Laws with respect to Common Lodging-Houses, Nuisances, and Slaughter-Houses.

The Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890 (Parts).

The Infectious Disease (Prevention) Act, 1890

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## (I.) HOUSING.

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	Astley	Culcheth.	Lowton.	Kenyon.	Total
Number of Houses in the District ...	841	660	890	70	2461
Populat'n (Census 1921)	3902	2794	3742	270	10714

Practically all are working-class houses.

Twelve new houses have been built during the year, 2 in Astley, 6 in Lowton, 3 in Culcheth, 1 in Kenyon. All by private builders.

## (II.) OVERCROWDING.

Overcrowding has been considerably reduced by families removing into the Council's new houses.

There does not now appear to be any serious overcrowding.

All houses in the district are tenanted.



## (III.) FITNESS OF HOUSES.

(1) The general standard of the houses in the district is good, but a number exist which require attention. Badly constructed bedrooms, dampness, insufficient ventilation owing to windows being fixed, are defects frequently found.

(2 & 3) As many defects as possible are being remedied without issuing Closing Orders, but as the opportunity occurs unfit houses are being closed.

(VII.) STATISTICS FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS  
ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1923.

## 1.—GENERAL.

(1) Population, estimated as on June 30th, 1923 .....	11330	
(2) General death rate .....	11·2	
(3) Death rate from Tuberculosis .....	0·61	
(4) Infantile Mortality .....	78	
(5) Number of dwelling-houses of all Classes ...		} Practically all working class houses.
(6) Number of working class dwelling-houses ...		
(7) Number of new working class dwelling- houses erected...		

## 2. — UNFIT DWELLING-HOUSES.

## (I) INSPECTION—

(1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts).....	986
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under 'The Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910 .....	135
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation .....	2
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation .....	12

## (II) REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by Local Authority or their Officers .....	12
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## (III) ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS—UNDER (A) SECT. 28 HOUSING AND TOWN PLANNING ACT, 1919.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs .....	0
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit	
(a) by Owners.....	0
(b) by Local Authority in default of Owners ...	0
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which closing orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close.....	0

## (B) UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACT.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied .....	141
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied	
(a) by Owners .....	132
(b) by Local Authority in default of Owners ...	0

## (C) Proceedings under sections 17 and 18 of Housing, Town Planning Act, 1909.

(1) Number of representations made with a view to making Closing Orders .....	0
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made .....	0
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-houses having been rendered fit .....	0
(4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made .....	0
(5) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders .....	0

## 3.—UNHEALTHY AREAS.

No action was taken.

Number of houses not complying with building bye-laws erected with consent of Local Authority under section 25 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1909 .....	0
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The staff engaged on housing work consists of the Medical Officer (part-time) and the Inspector of Nuisances (whole-time), who is also Inspector of Canal Boats, Dairies and Cowsheds, Factories and Workshops.

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on the administration of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, in connection with  
FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS, WORKPLACES AND HOMEWORK.

1.—INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES. Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspector or Inspector of Nuisances.				
Premises. (1)	Number of			
	Inspections. (2)	Written Notices. (3)	Prosecutions. (4)	
FACTORIES ... .. (Including Factory Laundries)	17	...	...	
WORKSHOPS ... .. (Including Workshop Laundries)	28	2	...	
WORKPLACES ... .. (Other than Outworkers' premises included in Part 3 of this Report)	...	...	...	
Total ... ..	45	2		

2—DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.				
Particulars (1)	Number of Defects.			Number of Prosecu- tions. (5)
	Found. (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H M. Inspector. (4)	
<i>Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :—</i>				
Want of cleanliness .. ..	2	2	...	...
Want of ventilation ... ..	...	...	...	...
Overcrowding ... ..	...	...	...	...
Want of drainage of floors ... ..	...	...	...	...
Other nuisances ... ..	...	...	...	...
Sanitary Accommodat'n { insufficient ... ..	...	...	...	...
{ unsuitable or defective... ..	1	1	...	...
{ not separate for sexes ... ..	...	...	...	...
<i>Offences under the Factory and Workshop Act :</i>				
Illegal occupation of underground bakeh'se	...	...	...	...
Breach of special sanitary requirements for bakehouses ... ..	...	...	...	...
Other offences ... ..	...	...	...	...
Total ... ..	3	3		

3.—REGISTERED WORKSHOPS.				
Workshops on the Register at the end of the year.				Number.
Bakehouses .. ..	...	...	...	6
Joiners and Builders ... ..	...	...	...	2
Wheelwrights ... ..	...	...	...	4
Blacksmiths ... ..	...	...	...	6
Various ... ..	...	...	...	6
Total number of workshops on Register ... ..				24

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Medical Officer of Health.

April, 1924.